IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| <i>In re</i> the application of | |) | |
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| Masakatsu ENDO et al. | |) Attorney Docket No. NGBCP0 | 2 007 |
| | | Examiner: T. Le | |
| Applic | cation No. 10/506,453 |) Group Art Unit: 2622 | |
| Filed: | June 7, 2005 |) | |
| For: | IMAGE OUTPUT SYSTEM |) Confirmation No. 9994) | |
| | HAVING MULTIPLE DEVICES |) Date: March 10, 2010 | |
| | COMMUNICATION-CONNECTED IN |) | |
| | MASTER-SLAVE RELATION |) | |
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated December 10,

2009. Please amend this application as follows:

The Amendments to the Claims made herein are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.